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## 2008 JUNE ACREAGE REPORT

### U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

★ **Corn** planted area for all purposes was estimated at 87.3 million acres, down 7 percent from last year. Despite the decrease, corn planted acreage was the second highest since 1946, behind last year's total of 93.6 million acres.

★ **Soybean** planted area was estimated at 74.5 million acres, up 17 percent from last year but 1 percent below the record high acreage in 2006.

★ The **Burley Producing States** acreage for harvest was estimated at 96,450 acres, down 9 percent from 2007 and 1 percent less than the March intentions.

### KENTUCKY

Farmers increased their acreage planted to soybeans while decreasing their corn planted and burley set acreage.

**Soybeans** planted were estimated at 1.33 million acres, an increase of 230,000 acres from the 2007 crop. Planting progress this year was behind last year and the five year average due to wet soil conditions combined with slowed corn planting and small grain harvesting. Soybeans in Kentucky are planted both as full season beans and second crop soybeans following the barley and winter wheat harvest. The emerged crop was in mostly good to fair condition.

Acreage planted to **corn** was estimated at 1.23 million acres, a decrease of 220,000 acres from the 2007 crop. Harvested for grain acreage was estimated at 1.15 million acres, down 210,000 acres from last year. Planting of the crop was slowed this spring by cool wet soil conditions. The emerged crop was in mostly good to excellent conditions.

Farmers set an estimated 69,000 acres of **burley tobacco** for harvest. This was down 8,000 acres from the 2007 crop and the smallest acreage set since the tobacco buyout in the fall of 2004. **Dark fire-cured tobacco** acreage set was estimated at 9,000 acres, up 1,000 from 2007. **Dark air-cured tobacco** set acreage was estimated at 4,500 acres, an increase of 300 acres from the previous year. All tobacco set was in mostly good to fair condition.

**Winter wheat** seeded acreage was estimated at 560,000 acres, unchanged from the March planted estimate and up 120,000 acres from the 2007 crop. Acreage harvested for grain was estimated at 450,000 acres, an increase of 200,000 acres from the freeze reduced previous year. Farmers are currently harvesting a good yielding winter wheat crop.

**Alfalfa hay** acreage was estimated at 240,000 acres, a decrease of 60,000 from the 2007 crop. **All other hay** acreage was estimated at 2.30 million acres, a decrease of 100,000 acres from the drought increased harvested acreage of 2007.

**Barley** seeded acreage was estimated at 8,000 acres with 7,000 acres for harvest as grain. **Sorghum for grain** acreage was estimated with 12,000 acres planted and 10,000 acres harvested for grain.

### PLANTED & HARVESTED ACRES, JUNE 2008

CROPS	KENTUCKY ACREAGE			UNITED STATES ACREAGE		
	2007	2008 Indi- cated	% of 2007	2007	2008 Indi- cated	% of 2007
(1,000 Acres)						
All Corn (Pl)	1,450	1,230	85	93,600	87,327	93
Corn for Grain (H)	1,360	1,150	85	86,542	78,940	91
Soybeans (Pl)	1,100	1,330	121	63,631	74,533	117
Soybeans for Beans (H)	1,080	1,320	122	62,820	72,121	115
All Sorghum (Pl)	15	12	80	7,718	7,271	94
Sorghum for Grain (H)	12	10	83	6,805	6,405	94
Hay:						
All	2,700	2,540	94	61,625	60,439	98
Alfalfa	300	240	80	21,670	20,778	96
All Other	2,400	2,300	96	39,955	39,661	99
Tobacco:						
All	89.20	82.50	92	356.00	348.04	98
Burley	77.00	69.00	90	106.30	96.45	91
Dark Fire-Cured	8.00	9.00	113	14.60	16.60	114
Dark Air-Cured	4.20	4.50	107	4.98	5.70	114
All Wheat (Pl) 1/	440	560	127	60,433	63,457	105
All Wheat (H)	250	450	180	51,011	56,586	111
Barley (Pl) 1/	10	8	80	4,020	4,130	103
Barley (H)	3	7	233	3,508	3,640	104

1/ Includes acreage planted preceding fall. (Pl) = Planted, (H) = Harvested. Crops not so indicated are harvested.

## JUNE 1 HOG & PIG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008 was 67.7 million head. This was up 6 percent from June 1, 2007, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2008. Breeding inventory, at 6.07 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 61.6 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2008 U.S. pig crop, at 29.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.09 million head, up 2 percent from 2007 and up 6 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per

litter was 9.38 for the March-May 2008 period, compared to 9.20 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 to 9.40.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the June-August 2008 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, but up 5 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for September-November 2008, at 3.05 million sows, are down 4 percent from 2007 but up 3 percent from 2006. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 41 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 39 percent last year.

**HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS BY CLASS & WEIGHT GROUPS  
JUNE 1, 2007 – 2008, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.**

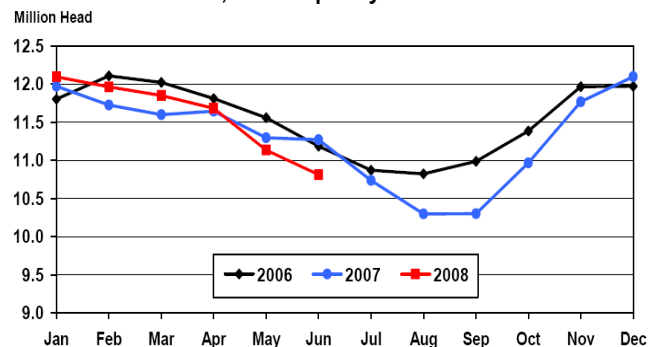
State	TOTAL		BREEDING		MARKET		MARKET HOGS							
	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs		120-179 lbs		180 lbs +	
	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Head	2007	Head	2007	Head	% of	(1,000 Head)							
AR	310	107	95	112	215	105	150	160	20	20	15	15	20	20
CO	770	92	150	100	620	90	375	320	100	115	85	70	130	115
IL	4,350	109	440	100	3,910	110	1,310	1,420	920	990	760	850	570	650
IN	3,700	110	300	97	3,400	112	1,120	1,240	780	880	590	670	550	610
IA	19,400	107	1,090	101	18,310	107	5,450	5,500	4,770	4,910	3,850	4,450	3,050	3,450
KS	1,790	94	160	97	1,630	94	620	550	340	325	335	275	440	480
MI	1,030	100	100	91	930	101	330	330	215	230	195	185	180	185
MN	7,600	109	580	95	7,020	110	2,570	2,760	1,620	1,760	1,300	1,470	900	1,030
MO	3,150	103	375	100	2,775	104	1,300	1,330	545	565	505	475	325	405
NE	3,400	108	360	100	3,040	109	1,040	1,130	730	810	580	650	440	450
NC	10,100	104	1,020	100	9,080	105	3,600	3,700	2,000	2,150	1,670	1,760	1,410	1,470
OH	1,900	114	165	100	1,735	115	600	650	375	435	315	400	215	250
OK	2,360	102	360	100	2,000	102	940	1,000	315	300	230	230	475	470
PA	1,180	105	95	95	1,085	106	300	330	305	315	225	235	190	205
SD	1,440	112	150	103	1,290	113	425	485	270	305	240	260	210	240
TX	1,080	108	110	100	970	109	285	325	215	225	200	200	190	220
WI	400	98	45	90	355	99	155	140	85	90	65	60	55	65
Other 1/	3,701	102	474	98	3,226	103	1,212	1,217	734	742	630	652	570	616
U.S.	67,661	106	6,069	99	61,591	107	21,782	22,587	14,339	15,167	11,790	12,907	9,920	10,931

1/Individual state estimates not available for the 33 other States. Kentucky included in other States.

## CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on June 1, 2008. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2007 and 3 percent below June 1, 2006. **Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 1.90 million, 12 percent below 2007 and slightly below 2006. Net placements were 1.82 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000, 600-699 pounds were 350,000, 700-799 pounds were 564,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 645,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during May totaled 2.14 million, 3 percent above 2007 but 1 percent below 2006. **Other disappearance** totaled 80,000 during May, 19 percent below 2007 and 30 percent below 2006.

**United States Cattle on Feed  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



## KENTUCKY GRAIN PRICES ADVANCE WITH LIVESTOCK PRICES MIXED

Farmers in Kentucky continue to receive good prices for their corn, soybeans and winter wheat that they sell. Livestock and milk prices were also up with the exception of barrows and gilts that were lower and calves that were unchanged.

Mid-June cattle prices were steady to higher compared to May prices. Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over averaged \$98.00 per cwt. (hundredweight) for mid-month. This was up \$2.00 from the May price and June 2007. This would be the highest steer and heifer price since September 2007. Beef cow price for mid-June was up \$1.00 from the previous month at \$52.00 per cwt. The June 2007 price was \$46.00 per cwt. The mid-month price would be the highest beef cow price since July 2005. Calves less than 500 lbs. averaged \$107.00 per cwt., unchanged from the May price while down \$2.00 from June 2007.

Hog prices at mid-June were mixed. Barrows and gilts averaged \$52.00 per cwt. at mid-month, down \$3.00 from May and \$1.00 from June a year earlier. The price of sows at mid-month was \$32.00 per cwt. This was up \$2.00 from a month earlier while down \$3.00 from June 2007. Sow prices were at their highest in seven months.

Sheep prices continued to decrease while lamb prices increased. The May sheep price was \$31.00 per cwt., a decrease of \$2.00 from April and \$1.00 from May 2007. The May lamb price was \$117.00 per cwt. This was up \$1.00 from April and \$15.00 from May a year ago. The May estimated price would be the highest since \$121.00 per cwt. in April 2005.

Price of milk continued strong. The mid-June all milk price was \$20.50 per cwt. This was up \$1.20 from the May price while down 20 cents from June 2007. The final milk price farmers receive will vary from the projected mid-month milk price due to price changes announced by Milk Marketing Orders, actual milk fat content and quantity sold by milk classes (fluid and various manufactured products).

Grain prices continue to advance. All three grains (corn, soybeans and winter wheat) established record high prices for June mid-month. The mid-month corn price was \$6.15 per bushel, an increase of 69 cents from the May price and \$2.28 from June a year earlier. The mid-month soybean price was \$14.00 per bushel, an increase of 90 cents from the May price and \$6.29 from June 2007. Price of mid-June winter wheat was \$6.50 per bushel, an increase of \$1.68 from the previous month and \$1.57 from June 2007.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 162, based on 1990-92=100, increased 11 points (7.3 percent) from May. The Crop Index was up 19 points (11 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.2 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for corn, soybeans, milk, and lettuce and lower prices for strawberries, cantaloups, and wheat. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, hay, grapes, and cantaloups offset decreased marketings of tomatoes, oranges, strawberries, and sweet corn.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -(Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		JUNE 2007	MAY 2008	JUNE 2008	JUNE 2008
		Entire Month		Mid-Month a/	
All Corn b/ c/	Bu.	3.87	5.46	6.15	6.12
Soybeans b/	Bu.	7.71	13.10	14.00	13.50
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	4.93	4.82	6.50	8.00
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	135.00	175.00	175.00	172.00
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	75.00	95.00	100.00	130.00
All Hogs	Cwt.	52.30	54.00	51.20	53.60
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	53.00	55.00	52.00	54.70
Sows	Cwt.	35.00	30.00	32.00	27.50
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	84.00	85.20	87.00	91.60
Steers & Heifers e/	Cwt.	96.00	96.00	98.00	95.90
Cows	Cwt.	46.00	51.00	52.00	53.80
Calves f/	Cwt.	109.00	107.00	107.00	120.00
Sheep	Cwt.	28.00	31.00	-	-
Lambs	Cwt.	96.00	117.00	-	-
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	20.70	19.30	20.50	19.40
Hog-Corn Ratios g/	Bu.	13.5	9.9	8.3	8.8

a/ Preliminary. b/ Includes contract sales paid during month. c/ Includes yellow and white corn. d/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. e/ 500 lbs. and over. f/ Under 500 lbs. g/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

## MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for May 2008 totaled 111 million pounds, down 3 percent from May 2007. Average number of milk cows on farms, at 92,000 head, up 1,000 head from May 2007 and unchanged from last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,210 pounds for May 2008, down 40 pounds from May 2007 and down 5 pounds from April 2008.

Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from May

2007. April revised production, at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 2.6 percent from April 2007. The April revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,816 pounds for May, 25 pounds above May 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.46 million head, 162,000 head more than May 2007, and 12,000 head more than April 2008.

## JUNE 1 GRAIN STOCKS

**Corn** stocks in **Kentucky** totaled 27.8 million bushels on June 1, 2008 according to the Kentucky Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The June 1 corn stocks were up 16 percent from a year earlier. Corn stored on farms totaled 10.5 million bushels, down 12 percent from the previous year and the smallest June stocks in five years. Off-farm stored corn totaled 17.3 million bushels, an increase of 44 percent from June 2007 and the largest June stocks in 20 years. Off-farm stocks consisting of grain stored at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors made up 62 percent of total corn stocks stored. Off-farm stocks estimates were made for oats, all wheat, barley, grain sorghum and soybeans stored in Kentucky. Estimates of **oats, all wheat, barley, grain sorghum and soybeans** were however not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**U.S. corn** stocks in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 4.03 billion bushels, up 14 percent from June 1, 2007. Of the total

stocks, 1.97 billion bushels were stored on farms, up 8 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.06 billion bushels, were up 21 percent from a year ago. The March-May 2008 indicated disappearance was 2.83 billion bushels, compared with 2.53 billion bushels during the same period last year. **Soybeans** stored in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 676 million bushels, down 38 percent from June 1, 2007. On-farm stocks totaled 227 million bushels, down 55 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 449 million bushels, were down 24 percent from the previous year. Indicated disappearance for the March-May 2008 quarter totaled 758 million bushels, up 9 percent from the same period a year earlier. **All wheat** stored in all positions on June 1, 2008 totaled 306 million bushels, down 33 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks were estimated at 25.6 million bushels, down 65 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 280 million bushels, were down 27 percent from a year ago. The March-May 2008 indicated disappearance was 404 million bushels, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES STOCKS OF GRAIN, JUNE 1, 2008 WITH COMPARISONS**

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CROP	POSITION	KENTUCKY			UNITED STATES		
		June 1, 2007	March 1, 2008	June 1, 2008	June 1, 2007	March 1, 2008	June 1, 2008
(Thousand Bushels)							
Corn	On-Farm	12,000	33,000	10,500	1,826,600	3,780,000	1,970,900
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	12,041	28,047	17,284	1,706,843	3,078,722 <u>5/</u>	2,057,117
	Total	24,041	61,047	27,784	3,533,443	6,858,722 <u>5/</u>	4,028,017
Sorghum	On-Farm	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	5,380	26,100	7,000
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	69,490	159,808 <u>5/</u>	89,805
	Total	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	74,870	185,908 <u>5/</u>	96,805
Oats	On-Farm	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	18,400	31,000	16,100
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	56	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	32,198	47,988 <u>5/</u>	50,704
	Total	56	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	50,598	78,988 <u>5/</u>	66,804
Barley	On-Farm	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	14,580	28,270	9,950
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	54,300	82,154 <u>5/</u>	58,275
	Total	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	68,880	110,424 <u>5/</u>	68,225
All Wheat	On-Farm	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	73,190	91,990	25,635
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	2,152	3,364	<u>4/</u>	382,963	617,280 <u>5/</u>	279,983
	Total	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	456,153	709,270 <u>5/</u>	305,618
Soybeans	On-Farm	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	500,000	593,000	226,600
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	<u>4/</u>	6,101	<u>4/</u>	592,185	840,982 <u>5/</u>	449,491
	Total	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	1,092,185	1,433,982 <u>5/</u>	676,091

1/Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. 2/Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately. 3/On-Farm oat stocks estimates not made. 4/Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 5/Revised.

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